REMARKS

Claims 194, 195, 198, 199, 201-207, 209-229 and 259-262 are pending. Claim 194 is amended herein. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the application as filed. See e.g., paragraphs [0166] and [0236]. Claims 260-262 were previously amended in an Examiner's Amendment. No new matter has been added.

Specification Amendments

Applicants have amended the specification to update the priority information and correct minor, typographical errors. Applicants have also amended paragraph [0047] to change "10b" to "10L," as Figure 10 contains images A-L. Paragraph [0254] was amended to correct an Accession number. No new matter has been added.

Drawings

In the Examiner's Comments mailed on June 29, 2007, the Examiner requests that Applicants amend the legend of Figure 9 to only describe Figures 9A and 9B. The Examiner also asserts that while the specification describes Figures 10A, 10B, 16A and 16B, the drawings do not contain these labeled figures.

Applicants respectfully submit that the formal drawings filed on March 9, 2004 remedy the Examiner's concerns. Nonetheless, in an effort to expedite issuance, Applicants submit herewith formal drawings and request that these figures be published when the instant application issues. Applicants believe these formal figures are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 and address the Examiner's concerns. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify Applicants if there are any objections to these formal drawings.

Information Disclosure Statement

On April 24, 2007, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB08. Applicants appreciate and thank Examiner Landsman's consideration of pages 1-3 of the Form PTO/SB08. Applicants submit herewith page 4 of the Form PTO/SB08 that was filed, but not considered. *See* Exhibit A Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references cited in Exhibit A.

Statement of Substance of Interview Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b) and M.P.E.P. § 713.04, Applicants herein provide a summary of the interview. Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Landsman.

During the interview, Examiner Landsman requested that Applicants amend claim 194 to recite that the heteromeric receptor specifically binds to a ligand that specifically binds to an endogenous (wild-type) human T1R1/T1R3 receptor. Applicants have amended claim 194 herein to reflect this amendment.

Applicants representative also indicated that Applicants would identify other co-pending applications that relate to the instant application. Below is a list of these applications:

Application Nos. 10/179,373; 10/725,037; 10/725,076; 10/725,103; 10/725,418; 10/725,472; 10/725,473; 10/725,475; 10/725,488; 10/725,489 and 11/050,804.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above amendments and remarks. If the Examiner has any questions relating to this response or the application in general he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

It is believed that no fees are required for entry of this response, but should any fees be necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to the undersigned's **Deposit** Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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